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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS IN MOSCOW: BUSINESS, INDUSTRY
AND ENERGY

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING FEB 10-16 MOSCOW VISIT BY DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMEN, A SECOND PORTUGUESE GROUP LED BY JOSE DE MELO TORRES CAMPOS, STATE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN TALKS WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT). FIRST GROUP DISCUSSED BILATERAL TRADE INCREASES AND ANNOUNCED PORTUGAL WILL TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRY EXHIBITION IN LENINGRAD IN AUGUST WHILE SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS WILL--FOR FIRST TIME--TAKE PART IN LISBON FAIR THIS YEAR. SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY GROUP REMAINS TO BE ANNOUNCED. END SUMMARY

2. A DELEGATION OF NORTHERN PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMEN, ALSO DESCRIBED IN SOVIET PRESS AS "INDUSTRIALIST," VISITED MOSCOW APPROXIMATELY FEB 10 THROUGH 16 FOR TALKS AT MINISTRY OF
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FOREIGN TRADE AND SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

3. DELEGATION WAS LED BY FRANCISCO DE ALMEIDA E SOUSA, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CITY OF OPORTO. ON FEB 14 GROUP MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE A.N. MANZHULO--AND EARLIER MET WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN YEVGENIY PITOVRANOV.

4. ALTHOUGH CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE WAS LIMITED, ECONOMIC PRESS (VESTNIK) PROVIDED INTERESTING DETAILS. MAIN OBJECTIVE OF VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS EXPANSION OF SOVIET-PORTUGUESE TRADE WHICH IN 1974 TOTALLED ABOUT 7.5 MILLION RUBLES (ABOUT DOLS 10.7 MILLION). CONCRETE TALKS WERE HELD ON INCREASED SOVIET PURCHASES OF TRADIIONAL PORTUGUESE EXPORTS--HIDES, HANDMADE ARTISTIC PRODUCTS INCLUDING THOSE MADE OF SILVER, WORKWORKING EQUIPMENT, WINE, ALMONDS AND CORK. THERE WAS ALSO STRONG PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN IMPORTING SOVIET NEWSRING AND " SEVERAL TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT".

5. THE VISIT WAS REPORTEDLY IN RETURN FOR THAT MADE TO PORTUGAL IN 1974 BY PITOVRANOV, WHO AT THAT TIME HAD ARRANGED FOR PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN THE SOVIET CHEMICAL EXHIBITION POLYMERY 74. IN STATEMENT TO VESTNIK, PITOVRANOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL SOVIET-PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS AND NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE FIRMS ARE PLANNING PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ON FISHING, INRYBPROM-75, SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE IN LENINGRAD IN AUGUST. IN ADDITION, FOR FIRST TIME, 19 SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS WILL TAKE PART THIS YEAR IN LISBON INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

6. FIGURE GIVEN FOR PORTUGUESE-SOVIET TRADE IN 1974, A MEAGER TEN MILLION DOLLARS, IS FIRST OFFICIAL SOVIET DATA ON TRADE WITH PORTUGAL YET PUBLISHED.

7. HARD ON HEELS OF DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMEN, PRAVDA MORNING FEB 19 REPORTS PRESENCE IN MOSCOW OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION LED BY JOSE DI MELU TORRES CAMPOS, STATE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY. DELEGATION MET FEB 18 WITH D.M. GVISHIANI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO WITH A.N. MANZHULO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE.

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8. COMMENT: AS USUAL, SOVIET PRESS REPORTING ON LATEST PORTUGUESE VISIT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE SUSPECT THAT POSSIBLE PURCHASES SOVIET OIL ARE AMONG ITEMS BEING DISCUSSED AND SHOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. STOESSEL

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